The American Housing Survey Codebook Interactive Tool

What is the AHS Codebook Interactive Tool? The AHS Codebook Interactive Tool is an online utility for accessing information about the AHS public use file (PUF) microdata variables for surveys from 1997 to 2015. The tool includes all the material previously contained in the printed AHS Codebook, but with enhanced web-based functionality.

Why did HUD and Census create an interactive codebook? This interactive online approach to presenting codebook-style information will enable HUD and the Census Bureau to easily update the AHS Codebook if corrections or additions are required. It will also provide users with enhanced functionality, such as search and filter options.

What sort of functionality and features are now available with the AHS Codebook Interactive Tool? Several enhanced features are built into the Codebook Interactive Tool, including:

Feature	Description
Filter by survey year	Enables users to filter the AHS Codebook by survey year. Users wishing to download an entire codebook for a specific year could use this feature.
Filter by topic or subtopic	Enables users to filter the AHS Codebook by topic and, if desired, subtopic. This feature is helpful for viewing all the variables in a topic.
Download button	Enables users to download a selected portion of the AHS Codebook. Format options include PDF and CSV.
Mini-codebook download	Enables users to download and quickly review a list of all the variables in the 2015 AHS. The list includes the following fields: topic, subtopic, variable name, and description. HUD and Census are currently working to create mini-codebooks for each survey from 1997 to 2013.

Are past surveys included in the AHS Codebook Interactive Tool? Currently, the AHS Codebook Interactive Tool includes surveys conducted from 1997 through 2015. As such, the tool includes all variables that have appeared on any AHS PUF from 1997 through 2013, plus all new variables for 2015.

Are copies of the old AHS codebooks from previous surveys still available in document form? Yes. The AHS codebook for surveys from 1973 to 1996 is available for download here. HUD and Census are currently working to integrate PUF variable information for 1973 to 1996 into the Codebook Interactive Tool.

How do I access the AHS Codebook Interactive Tool? The Interactive Tool is available in the Codebook section of the American Housing Survey website.

Where can I learn more about the American Housing Survey? To learn more, visit the American Housing Survey webpage.